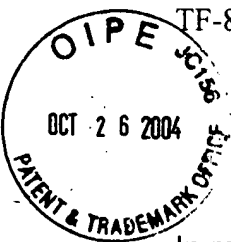


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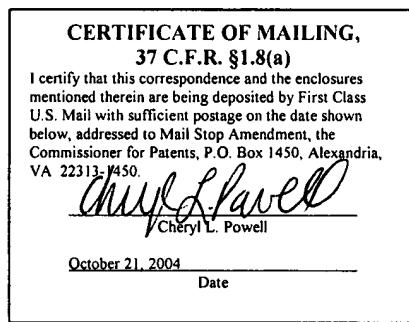
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Dear Sir:

Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, the three month statutory response to which is set to expire on October 22, 2004, the following amendment and remarks are offered. This response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.